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Enclosed is a copy of the EPO European Search Report dated **July 22, 2004**, which indicates the references to be relevant.

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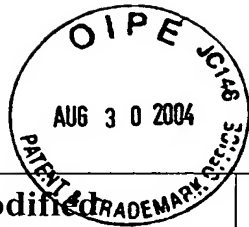
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